

By JOSEPH HATTON.

A London Institution.
Talk of the dummy-horse exerciser, the patent stationary boat, the dumb-bells, and various other athletic exercises, and you will find a host of them and more in the London four-wheelers known as a growler. That is, if you can get the right kind of growler, it might be the best for your purpose. It is easy to handle, and is not so eccentric. If he had strength enough he would buck; but he has to content himself with incidental staggers and occasional stumbles, varied with occasional rattles and occasional bumps. This is good for your liver, and gives intermittent flippis to your mental. The cab windows won't close. I have seen brightly lit girls in the cab, and the same rattle. The floor is soft. It has been known to give out and make it compulsory for the passenger to walk between the wheels ever so long before the driver has happened to one of what has happened.

The Englishman Abroad.

Yes, he is true to his comrade in foreign brawl—handy and ready in warlike punch; so he is whether his comrade be Scotch, Irish, or Welsh, nor does he care for the reason, because of the closer kinship. America the Englishman stands clear of local politics, not in a clannish way, but with an individual reticence, neither joins the Irish, nor the Scotch, nor the Welsh, nor the German; he is not of them, and he is not for them. It is the strangest mixture of national pride and cosmopolitan life; is home everywhere to all outward appearance, yet never really at home except on his native heath, which is always leaving, influenced by the spirit of unrest, the desire for change, the peace and luxury of settled national life for untold hardships as dangers. An Englishman installed in some out-of-the-way foreign hotel inclined to resent the appearance of a second English guest. I have noticed that Americans travelling in the West are also inclined to avoid each other. But your Scotchman, your Irishman away from home see his brother in every decent countryman's meets. I have attended St. Andrew's festivals in America and those that in honour of St. George; and these I have attended in the fair, while others, with his bagpipes, its haggis, its Heby Burns and Sir Walter Scott.

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PUNCHEDOWN.—As for "W. Postlethwaite,"
KAMPTULCAN.—You once address to I

C. G. F.—A strong solution of potash soda in warm water will get rid of the grime and probably the "black stuff" as well; if the latter is not removed then treat it to a blanch of a solution of oxalic acid with a weak

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CHAPTER XVII.

would not call for further tenders till the following spring.
 "Dear Maria," I wrote the morning breakfast, and the first thing I saw lying upon my table was a peculiar-looking letter. I snatched it up and instantly saw that the handwriting was Tom's. It was not three months since I had visited him, and therefore I instinctively guessed that he was about to be released. I had heard that he had been granted him to communicate with his friends. It was a supreme moment; it was a crisis in my life; my hand shook; I could scarcely open the letter. It was a prison sheet, with certain gaudy rules of which I forget the nature printed in a corner. The letter ran thus:
 "Dear Maria,—I am permitted to write that I may inform you I have been told by the Governor I am to make one of a batch of convicts to be removed from this bulk for transport to Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land, by a ship sailing on or about Nov. 13. I hope you are quite well. I am tolerably well. I have nothing to complain of, and I shall be glad to hear from you. I am sure the rules will permit you to pay me a visit to bid me farewell.—Yours affectionately,
 THOMAS BERNARD."
 I easily understood the meaning of the cold, formal style of this letter. The single injudicious sentence might have caused the Governor, through whose hands it passed, to withhold or destroy it. Tom was right; he could not deliver himself too briefly and dispatchingly.
 I read this letter a dozen times over, and then I set it aside. It seemed that an extraordinary coincidence was about to happen; I mean that the vessel in which Will was an apprentice was to prove the very ship which would carry Tom across the seas. I was strangely agitated, in a manner semi-delirious with the sudden wild play and disorder of my spirit. I went to the beach, and to Van Diemen's Land; I would follow him; I would immediately find out if any vessel was sailing for Hobart on or about the date of the Childre Harold's departure; but then, suppose the destination of the Childre Harold should be changed without my knowing it?—I suppose she should sail with Tom, and I should be glad to see him on my way to the ends of the earth, thinking to find him there!
 I read the letter again; I paced the room as though I had gone mad; my maid put the breakfast on the table, but I could not look at food. Why how could I be sure of ever meeting Tom again, if my errand should be of no avail? Indeed, if I did not go out in the same ship with him, if I was not certain that he was one of the convicts on board?
 How was this to be done? I bitterly well knew that no passengers were received in Government felon transports. Could I obtain a berth in a "Childe Harold" as a passenger? I, a man, a woman, was qualified to fill?
 While I thus thought, half distracted by the hurry and confusion my mind was in, I stopped at the window and looking out saw a young sailor walking on the pavement opposite. He was dressed in pilot cloth and a cloth cap, and was a very pretty lad, perhaps sixteen years of age. He had a pale gold, his figure thin, and his face without colour. He came to stand with his face my way and laughed at something that was happening under my window; perhaps it was a dog-fight, but I was too full of thought to take notice of the cause of the curiosity. He came upon the steps, and I saw him with a sort of pleasure. He looked up and saw me and saucily kissed his hand, but so girlishly and childishly that though I instantly drew back, I did not somehow feel offended. When I peered again he was gone.
 All of a sudden an extraordinary idea entered my head. It had been put into it by that girlish-looking fellow, who was peering the room afresh, frowning, talking aloud to myself, halting to smite my hands together. It is to be done! I kept on thinking. It will be the surest and the only way. Why did not I think of it at once? And then I placed myself opposite a long glass that I had on the floor, and I saw my figure, turning myself on this side and then on that. My eyes alone; my cheeks were as full of colour as though I had been burnt by the sun. I lifted my dress to clear my ankles and stepped backward and forward before the mirror, smiling as best I could the peculiar ingratiating I had always adored in Tom.
 I had arranged to dine with my cousin that night, and I was to take a turn in the West End. But for this having been settled I must have sought him at his house at once, and traced him to where ever he might have gone, so crazy was I with the eagerness and hope of an extraordinary, startling idea he raised in me. I could not wait to wait till the time did pass so slowly. I'd look at the clock and find that only a few minutes had passed when I could swear that half an hour was gone.
 I put on my hat and walked toward Whitechapel, and paused at the window of a marine outfitter's shop as I came to. From one of these shops I had bought my collar with a green hooked nose and a white hat stepped forth and accosted me in a thick lisp. He asked me what I would like to buy. I pointed to a monkey jacket in his window and inquired the price. He said I should have it a bargain and named four pounds. I was moving on when he caught me, saying, "What would you like? I give three pounds ten." I told him that I did not wish to buy the monkey jacket, but he followed me a considerable distance, leaping first in one ear and then in the other, "What would I give? I give three pounds. Would you give fifty bob and an old dress? I have only silver to exchange or half!" I looked at him at last, but though I looked into other outfitters' shops asked no more questions.
 When I reached home I found that my cousin had arrived. I ran up to him and exclaimed, "Will, I have heard from Tom. Read the letter." Here it is. It reached me this morning."
 He said with an odd grimace: "This very paper that I make the most of has just come to me. He then read the letter, and cried out, "Why, Maria! this seems as though we were to talk him."
 "Yours is the only ship, Will. I am certain Tom will go with you. Is not extraordinary?"
 He looked at the letter again, and said: "The dates tally. I was at the office of the owners yesterday, and I learned that he was to go on the 12th. But Tom speaks here of Van Diemen's Land. That's certainly not known to the office. I asked the question, and they said it was not known whether

was to be Lancaster, Hobart Town, or Sydney."

"All the same," I replied, "so long as he goes in your ship."

"I hope it won't be Norfolk Island, for his sake. . . . You look strangely, Marian. What's put all that fire into your eyes? And you breathe as if you'd been running. Tom's letter has upset you."

"It does me so much good that I feel almost a child again. Will."

Again he took the letter from me to look at it, as though my words made him doubt that he had gathered its import.

"But, Marian," said he, "he'll be leaving the country next month."

"Well, dear?"

"Let that separation—I mean it's not like having him within reach of even a three months' visit."

"There'll be no separation," said I. "You really mean to follow him?"

I viewed him steadily without speaking.

"Alone as you are," he continued, "all the way to the other side of the world, where you haven't a friend, and the chances are—the chances are—that he repeated slowly, then paused and cried out: "Why, y-w, you have true love and spirit to do it, and when done it will be nobly done, to my way of thinking. But it will be like making a felon of yourself, Marian."

I took my hand on his shoulder and looked him in the eyes. "You know, Will, I couldn't live separated from Tom."

"Don't stare so. What eyes you have! Do they shine in the dark?"

"He is an innocent, suffering man, and I am as much his wife at heart as though his wedding ring were on my finger, and to more than follow him. If he goes in your ship I shall sail with him."

The young fellow drew backward from my hand with a movement of astonishment.

"Impossible!" he exclaimed.

"Stop! Before you say a word—but stars and planets are dried. I have much to talk to you about. There will be no going to St. James' Park this afternoon."

My maid had entered to lay the cloth, and I broke off, nodding and smiling at him, and went upstairs to remove my outdoor things.

CHAPTER XIV.
SEEK DRESSES AS A DOT.

On our sitting down to dinner, I made him gather by my looks that I would talk of anything sooner than Tom before my maid. When I had dismissed the girl, Will lay back in his chair and said:

"You're uttering stiff jargon, Marian, if Butler sails in the *Childs*. Harold. It will be precious awkward for me. I shan't be able to speak to him, I suppose—not even to nod, I dare say. A perfectly innocent man, too, one of the best sailors out of London or Liverpool, a man who's dined with father and mother, and been a welcome guest at their house."

I waited a moment, and then said: "And my sweetheart, and husband some day. Why didn't you add that?"

"It was at the end of my tongue. It'll increase the awkwardness. It's beastly unpleasant enough to see the friend of our family dressed as a New Englander, and in chains, but when you've got to out him—I mean when the sentinels won't let you look at him—only being all the while your first and only cousin's sweetheart, and engaged to be married to her. But if he's to be one of our convicts, I'll take some big risks, Marian, to let him know that I am his friend, and that I am and that I'm all his friend down to the very heels of me."

"Will, I have an idea, and I want you to help me to carry it out."

"What is it?"

"Do you love me?"

"With all my heart, and will do anything, I can, or dare do, for you and Tom."

"Tom is sure to sail in your ship, and I must sail in her too."

"But how? but how?" said he, a little petulantly. "Haven't I told you that the ship won't book passengers? They'll reconstruct her below decks fore and aft, and every inch of her is to be a hold for convicts, and soldiers, and sailors."

"I mean to sail in her for all that. It's to be done and I'll tell you how mean to do it," and here I got up and began to pace about the room with excitement while I talked. "I can't exist as a woman, but I can ship as a boy, and as a stowaway."

His face screwed itself up into a strange expression of mingled mirth and amazement.

"I'll make a smart-looking boy," he continued. "I saw a lad this morning that might well have been a girl. The sight of him put this scheme into my head. I'll get my hair close and dressed as you do. I'll have a store ready: I'll take a name, and when am discovered I'm just a common run-away, one of the scores of lads and grown men, who every year sneak into ships and coil themselves out of sight and turn up far out at sea. And do you tell me, Will this isn't to be done?"

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"If that's

know where the fore-peak is. It's a place right forwards under the fore-castle. You'll be the place for me to hide in. You'll be able easily to contrive to help me to drop below late it."

"You're never in earnest!"

"Don't say that? I must be with Tom. I have sworn to myself to follow him, and wouldn't it be a sure way, that only sure way, of finding him, to come up to the same place, where he's bound to, of my ending all risks of missing him and finding that he'd been sent to another settlement which, without friends to help me, I might never be able to hear of—wouldn't my sailing in his ship be the only sure way for him and me to keep together?"

"You're a cunning fellow, grow thoughtful as he heard."

"I'm not," said I, "I am ex-claimed, "that it's quite impossible, but look here, Marian. Suppose, if only for the sake of argument, I call over the roll of such objections as occur to me."

"Do so."

"I'll suppose that you are dressed as a boy, and that you deceive the eye."

"I nodded. "I've agreed to sneak you on board; but how am I to do it?"

"A little thinking will show us."

"I succeed," he continued, "in get-ting you into the forepeak unobserved. How long are you to be kept below?"

"I'll go on board," said I, "when the ship stops alongside the hulk. I'm your friend, and you'll be on the look-out for me; who'll notice us. You'll easily walk me forward under pretence of showing me the ship. Tell me this: where do you ship your crew?"

"At Gravesend."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm sure. The ship's worked by the lumpers and riggers till the convicts are aboard. We then drop down to Gravesend and await the crew who arrive in a hoy in charge of a crimp. All that I know. You may take my word for it."

"Who occupies the fore-castle until the crew come on board?"

"The lumpers and riggers sleep ashore. His eyes brightened, and he cried, "I see what you're driv-ing at. You've thought it out pretty closely, Marian. But you're never in earnest, surely?"

"Go on with your objections, dear!"

"We'll suppose you're safely stowed away in the fore-peak; the convicts come on board; a bright look-out and find that Butler is not one of them?"

"I have considered that," said I. "You'll manage to communicate with me. If Tom is not one of the convicts I must come out of my hiding places while the captain is able to send me ashore. If Tom is on board I'll not want to hear from you till England's miles astern."

"How am I to communicate with you down in the fore-peak?"

"You'll find out, dear. There are ways. And aren't you a sailor, Will?"

He laughed, but without much merri-ment, and said, "Suppose I smuggle you into the fore-peak?"

"Well, Will, we may be a week beating down Channel and another week be-fore we've got far enough to suit you to show yourself. Head winds are head winds at sea. How are you going to feed yourself in the black hole?"

"We'll lay in a stock of provisions," said I.

"Who's to stew the grub?"

"You'll—by degrees."

He laughed again and said, "How are you going to find where the flood is? You're not to be trusted with a light down there you know."

"The flood must be placed where I can put my hand on it in the dark."

"And before we've been 24 hours under way the hatch is lifted and down drops the blue-whiskered man called a boy with a lighted lantern right on top of you."

"No hatch can be lifted in such a hurry," said I, "but that I can find time to hide myself. But pray go on spinning these little cobwebs which you call difficulties."

"I've knocked up a regular barri-cade already," said he; "something bigger than you're going to climb Marian."

"Do you think so?" said I, smiling.

"I will, Will, lighten you in a rick- cade for you and will, I shall help me to scale it. I'm a boy stowaway."

"I must carry nothing to sea but the clothes I stand up in. But you'll ship a large crew and you'll have a big slop chest, so there'll be the materials for a walk-out when I want one. I emerge, the proper time comes and an- other witt to the fore-castle. Now will he be do with me? He may put me on the articles as an ordinary seaman; that must certainly end in my helping the cook or doing cabin work. But then there's my sex to fall back upon in case of impracticable duties. I declare myself a woman—let them take me for a woman."

"They'll find me dumb in that. Some of the guard are sure to be married; the wives will be on board and there'll be female quarters for me if I own my sex. But it will have to be a strong forcing of my hand to bring me to it. Once a boy, Will, I'm a boy till I step ashore."

He stared at me with admiration and excitement as though he listened to some wild, romantic story of adven- ture.

"All that is material lies shaped in my mind," I went on; "of course a great deal must be left to chance."

"What will father and mother think?"

"They mustn't know. Why need they know, Will? But it thus in any case I go where Tom is sent."

"That being given, what can it signify to aunt and uncle how I go? I intend to following in a passenger ship. I choose to make sure of my object in leaving home by putting myself into the same vessel with Tom. Your telling your father how I went only leads to his telling your mother will lead to death with representations of my folly with- out causing me to swear a hair's breadth in my resolution. And they might do me this mischief; with the best intentions in the world they might inform your captain that I mean to dress as a boy and hide myself in his fore-peak. No, no, no, a word to father or mother, Will. This is quite my business and our secret."

All the while I was talking I was pacing the room; occasionally stop- ping to gesticulate or to approach him close and grasp him by the arm. Now he got up and began to walk about, too, rolling and snoring as though he were the ship's master-deck, while he swore that I had too much spirit for a woman, that my scheme was too daring, that if I knew what a fore-peak was like in a heavy head sea with the prospect of a fortnight of blackness along with the risk of dying of hunger and thirst, without possi-

bility of escape unless I was liberated, but I'd quit the scheme as hopeless.

"But all the while," said I, "I had never dreamt he would immediately fall in with my plans. He said he raised objections for my sake, not for his own; to be sure he would get into very serious trouble if it was discovered he had helped me to smuggle myself into the ship: he was willing to take all risks to do me a vast service, and make me happy; but wasn't it his duty to keep me?"

"Yes," said his cousin, a handsome, well-matured fine young woman, out of the black and filthy fore-peak of a merchantman, and preserve me from what might follow discovery?"

I let him talk, and feigned to sympathise with his generous, sympathetic dread of the consequences of my scheme. At the same time, however, I went down to the tea and toast I rang for. I had worked him by entreaty, sometimes by tears, by eager, impassioned representations of the possibilities of my plan, into a partially acquiescent mood. He kissed me, held my hand, called me his sister, declared he would help me if he dared; I must get ready, and make for my berth on board his ship and take a look round and talk over the matter with me again. We arranged a meeting for the day after next, and he left me after solemnly promising to keep my plan and our conversation secret.

I sat alone all that evening thinking of this long talk. One objection of his, perhaps, sunk a little with me, and I said to myself musing; he had figured me arriving at Hobart Town where I was without a friend, and he had imagined Tom being sent up country to a part where the only house for miles might be the person's to whom the government handed him. But I resolutely said to myself; I must stick to my plan; this may not happen; in any case I shall be in the country where my sweetheart is.

Partly to please myself, and partly to convince my cousin, I went to a large outfitter's shop in the Minories next morning, and representing that I wished to make a present of a suit of clothes to a young sailor friend, I asked the shopman, a sunken little man, of sixties in pilot coats and cloth trousers. I said that I was about the height and breadth of the young man for whom I wished to buy the clothes. The shopman measured me round my chest, took the length of my arms and of my figure, and then made up a parcel of the clothing that I had ordered, and I took it home. A lad walked behind me to my house with this bundle, and sat in the hall while I took the clothes to my bed-room and secretly put them on.

The first suit I tried fitted me as though cut for my shape; though the material was stout, it buttoned loosely over me and gave me the chest of a young lad. The shopman took a glimpse at the tarpaulin of those days; the swell of the cloth at the extremities made my feet look ridiculously small, and I saw that I should require stout boots if my feet were not to betray me.

I stood in front of the glass and was perfectly well satisfied with the figure I made. I have already said that my beauty clung upon this as a perfecting touch for the masquerade when I should have had my hair cropped close. I kept what I needed, and paid the lad, who took away the remainder of the clothes. My purchase comprised a cap, waistcoat, coat, and trousers, and a large red cotton pocket-handkerchief, a flannel shirt, and a loose silk neckerchief, such as seamen wear in sailor's knots. These things amply sufficed for the experiment I desired to make.

Some time on the following day, before the hour at which I expected Will, I dressed myself in the sailor clothes, but my hair was so thick and plentiful that I was scarcely able to coil it all away upon the top of my head so as to secrete the bulk of it under my sailor lad's cap. After a fashion I succeeded. I held up a hand-glass and observed that, with the cap on, the back of my head might very well pass for a man's at a little distance. I next rubbed my face with the towel, to take away the brown and cheeks to give my face a look of sunburn.

On the staircase I met my maid, She started, and cried out, and stared, not in the least degree recognising me.

"What pretty girl are you?" said I, "maid or mistress?" A fine woman looked out of her bed-room window just now, and seeing your hall door open I made bold to enter. Where is she? I can't find her!"

I spoke at length purposely to try an experiment with my voice on her accustomed ear, but seemingly my attention changed my voice as completely as it had transformed my figure.

"How dare you enter this house?" she exclaimed, and then she began to screech out, "Miss Johnstone, here's a strange man in the house. Mr. Stanford—" and she ran downstairs, calling Mr. Stanford.

I sprang and caught her when she was on my parlor landing, and, twisting her round, exclaimed "Don't you know your mistress?" and then I tried to play a joke off on my cousin. Look!—do you know me? And I thrust my face into hers.

She uttered a variety of exclamations, such as, "Well, I never!" and "Who'd he thought it?" and "Lor', what a handsome young chap you'd make, to be sure, miss," and giggled and sneezed and eyed me from top to toe with astonishment.

"Would you know me after looking a bit?" said I.

"No, miss. There never was no artfuler make-up in a stage play," said I.

"Don't you recognise my voice?" said she.

"It sounded like your figure looks," said she.

"Well," said I, "when Mr. Will Johnstone arrives, upon the morrow, as though as though you supposed I was in the room, and then shut the door snarling upon him."

While I waited for my cousin I practised some walking. I got in front of the long glass and advanced toward it, and marked such points of my gait as I considered suggestive and suspicious. I found my steps too short, but, after a while, I had a little more of them, and they were not very difficult to walk like a man. I looked short in my own and appeared to have dwindled six or eight inches, so greatly is stature heightened to the eye by the long robes of my sex.

While I was rehearsing as a young sailorman in front of the glass, I heard Will's knock downstairs. I placed myself in front of the window, as though I was sitting at my writing-table. The door of the room was opened and shut

"By my maid, according to my orders, and according to the Will!"

"Oh, beg pardon," said he. "I thought Miss Johnston was here."

"She will be here shortly," said I.

He stared hard and oddly as though he pricked his ears on my speaking, but certainly he no more recognised me than my maid had. I continued to look out of the window and spoke with my hand to him.

"A pleasant day," said I.

"Ay, it's nice weather," he answered. "You're of my calling, I see. Been long ashore?"

"I've not been to sea yet," I answered, half turning my head his way to look at him.

"I've been to sea," said Marian, kindly taken me by the hand, and has driven me a rig out and found me a ship."

"Cousin Marian!" he exclaimed.

"I'm a cousin of hers, too. What cousin might you be?"

"My name is Simon Marlow," said I, bounding upon him and looking him full in the face. "My mother was Miss Marlow. Who are you?"

I don't believe he would have known me even then, but for the sudden laugh I burst into at the sight of his face. That laugh was my own, familiar to his ear as the whistle of his boatswain's pipe.

"Well, I'm shot!" he cried with a glow of astonishment, then burst into a roar, capered up to me, and grasping me by the hands skipped to and fro like a savage, eyeing me all over and swearing while he danced that he wouldn't have known me in any other guise. That I was the prettiest little sailorman in the world; twenty such things he said, then released me to clap his hands while he laughed till he was purple.

I pulled off my cap and tossed it on the sofa and sat down, copying the rolling motion of the seaman in every movement.

"You must go upstairs and shift before I can talk," said Will; "look at your hair! I shall die of laughing."

I ran to my bed-room, changed my clothes, dressed my hair and returned. I was secretly half wild to hear what he had to say, and with no notion of my being there, he was keeping him merry and roaring at my clothes. I found him looking at Tom's miniature.

"What a handsome chap he is!" he exclaimed, "but I fear the hulk will rub some of his beauty off."

"There's no hulk afloat or galled ashore that's going to spoil his beauty," said I. "What can you tell me to give me heart?"

"Are you still in earnest?"

"Oh, don't begin so, dear."

"It's a wild, mad scheme," said he. "Father and mother will think me a fiend for helping you instead of reporting you. But for this, I never meant to fit on the vessel forward. He said he'd heard they meant to bulkhead a place off in a line with the forecastle entrance above to serve as a prison, the hospital to be aft. 'Will they leave the store-room bulkhead standing?' said I. 'Yes, they would have the fore-cabin'—and he climbed into the forecastle through the hatch. I went aboard and had a look. When I talked to you about the black fore-peak I had forgotten the line of main-deck that runs right forward. The space betwixt that line and the space overhead is used as a store-room. Where the fore-cabin is, I don't mean to tell you honestly the truth, Marian. I was never once down in that part of the vessel so as to remember it. The store-room would make a different hiding-place from the fore-peak I described. The fore-peak's under it. There they keep the coals. I don't never could have been there. But I don't mean to say the fore-peak should be middling clean, black as a well, mind you, but not deep like the fore-peak. The forecastle where the men sleep is immediately over. If a person wanted to get out he could knock on the closed hatch and there'd be men in the forecastle to hear it. I don't mean to say the fore-peak should be middling clean, black as a well, mind you, but not deep like the fore-peak. The forecastle where the men sleep is immediately over. If a person wanted to get out he could knock on the closed hatch and there'd be men in the forecastle to hear it. I don't mean to say the fore-peak should be middling clean, black as a well, mind you, but not deep like the fore-peak. The forecastle where the men sleep is immediately over. If a person wanted to get out he could knock on the closed hatch and there'd be men in the forecastle to hear it. 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The young fellow seemed to shrink from the notion of my being alone in a colony.

I began to despair of him at last, and growing defiant after three or four days of talking with him without his drawing closer to me, I said the passengers took about me and how might help myself, and I plainly and hotly told him that, whether he chose or not to give me a hand in my enterprise, he would find me on board his ship all the same if it came to my sending a year's income in bribes to the lumpsum and riggers at work on the coasting trade of Concepcion.

He went away from this talk, and nothing then was settled, but on the following morning he came by appointment to go with me for a turn on the river as far as Woolwich, and on our way to Blackwall he said he had made up his mind to help me.

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LAST WEEK'S ITEMS.

At Coventry, two women were fined £1 each for telling fortunes by means of cards. Alexander Robertson, 8, whose parents live at Gainsborough, Fulham, slipped in the snow outside his house, and broke his leg. A man named Selley, of Union-street, St. Marylebone, who had been out of work 17 weeks, was found by the police insensible and died shortly after.

A fire broke out on board the German steamer *Australia*, loading at Antwerp for Bombay, and was not subdued until considerable damage had been done.

The funeral of the late Countess of Kinnoull took place at Dupplin Castle, and was attended by the Lord Provost and leading citizens of Perth, as well as many country gentlemen.

Miss McFoster, aged 18 months, daughter of a potman, residing at Museum-street, Bethnal Green, was drinking some tea when she was suddenly noticed by the mother to be choking. A doctor was sent for, but the child died before his arrival.

Saturday completed the fourth week of the strike of men at the premises of Mr. H. Bacon, upholsterer, Scrutton-street, Curran-road, Shoreditch. The origin of the dispute was alleged excessive employment of boy labour.

The shareholders of the New Juland City Credit Association, at a general meeting held at Ascham last night, rejected the proposed agreement with a syndicate of Danish banks for the conversion of their 4 per cent. bonds into 3 per cent.

The members of No. 7 Co. 1st Essex Artillery Volunteers held their annual dinner at the London Tavern last week. Capt. N. L. Garrett presided, supported by Lieut. Rathbone and other officers. Sergeant Fisher, occupying the police on Saturday received information of the death of James Round, of Dudley Port, from injuries received when playing football two days ago. He kicked violently at the ball, and slipping, sustained serious internal injury.

At Wednesday Daniel Bucknell, of Manchester, was sentenced to one month's hard labour for outrageous conduct at Moxley. He visited several houses and demanded relief, and on being refused threatened to do violence.

At Hove on Saturday, Monson W. Hendry was remanded on a charge of stealing from 34, Brunswick-square, Hove, a cash box containing £10 in money, a bank deposit book, two bonds for £400, also a gold watch, chain, and brooch, the property of Sarah Smith.

At Chesham, last week, William Burton, a publican, of Langworth, was convicted of allowing gaming on his premises, the same being known as "ring the bull," a species of quito, being paid for by the loser. The bench, in inflicting a small fine, said the practice must be stopped.

At Thornham Castle an inquest was held on the body of Robert Clay, card-room overlocker. He was helping to repair the engine at the mill and had to go up a ladder into a store-room when he fell with his head on a stool, his brains being dashed out. Accidental death.

At Bristol on Saturday, Sidney Shaddock was charged with stealing £10s. of sugar, and James Shaddock, his father, was charged with receiving the same, knowing it to have been stolen. Sidney was fined to 14 days, while James was sent to prison for 21 days.

An inquest was held at Dudley on the body of Eli Mallen, who, while ascending the shaft at Grazebrook's Colliery, became giddy, and lost his hold. He fell a distance of 40 yards, his body being horribly mangled, and death apparently instantaneous. Accidental death.

The report is fully confirmed that the Pope has decided to establish an Apostolic Prefecture in Wales. The fact will be announced in the next encyclical, which will be addressed to the English and Welsh peoples. An English prelate of high rank will be the new apostolic prefect.

The Queen held a Privy Council at Osborne on Saturday, when the Hon. Cecil Rhodes was sworn a member of the council. Mr. Rhodes afterwards left Southampton by the Union Company's mail steamer for the Cape. Dr. Jamieson left by the same steamer.

An inquest was held at Bedford on the body of William Carter, 19, residing with his mother in Ashburnham-road. On the previous day deceased went to his room, barricaded the door, and was subsequently found shot through the head. Verdict, suicide whilst of sound mind.

The collars, to the number of 379, who struck work at South Kirby, near Pontefract, were summoned last week for leaving work without notice. They had already paid £20 as compensation for their breach of contract, and upon an undertaking being given to pay £200, the cases were allowed to be withdrawn.

The Plymouth schooner *Devon*, enroute to Kingbridge with coal, ran into and sunk the brig *Brigham* trawler, Nebraska, six miles south of Plymouth. The schooner was a clipper, and the crew of the trawler attributed the collision to negligence. A boy who was making his third trip in the fishing boat was drowned.

A meeting was held at Battersea on Saturday, organised by the West Lambeth Teachers' Association, to discuss the low state of certificated teachers' salaries. Resolutions were carried to the effect that the advance of education had greatly diminished the opportunities of promotion for certificated class teachers, and in favour of adequate remuneration.

The Duke of Westminster on Saturday opened an extension of Chester Museum. The attendance included the Duchess of Westminster and the Prince and Princess Adolphus of Teck. The duke spoke in favour of the Sunday opening of museums, as he had always considered that the only day when many of their fellow-citizens could view objects of art and antiquity.

At Pontefract, John Smith, a shoemaker, was charged with stealing four keys, the property of Lord Maudslayi. Prisoner was seen to take the keys, and also an overcoat, the property of one of the workmen. He escaped for the time, and when apprehended, was wearing the overcoat, and the keys were found on him. There were several previous convictions. Committed for trial.

The Deal coroner investigated a case of great interest to parents, in which a child named Smith, aged 18 months, died by sucking a test known as a "baby's comforter." The coroner alluded to the careless way in which these tests were allowed to be used by babies, and Dr. Lydson stated that he had once extracted one of them from a child's throat.

At Doncaster on Saturday William Richardson, landlord of the Foresters Arms, Ardwick-street, was charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours. The police found four men drinking on Sunday afternoon. They came from Bentley, under three miles distant, but the measurement was taken across the railway line. Dismissed.

DEFENCE OF LONDON.

MARCH OF VOLUNTEERS AND REGULARS.

The assembly, time march, and concentration of Metropolitan Volunteers and battalions of Foot Guards in London at night as arranged some weeks ago by Major-General Meacham, C.B., commanding the Home District, took place on Saturday. The time for the assembly of the various brigades at their respective rendezvous had to be so arranged that all were in position by a quarter past 5, inasmuch as the orders issued by the general officer commanding to officers in command of columns were that the latter were to be ready to march off a quarter of an hour after the receipt of the order to march from their rendezvous which was sent out from the Horse Guards at 5.30 p.m.

All the brigades were in position well within the specified time, the points of assembly being as follows:—At Wellington Barracks, the 1st Battalion Grenadier and 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, under Col. Lord A. C. Wellesley; at Chelsea Barracks, the 2nd Battalion Grenadier and 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, under Col. Lord A. C. Wellesley; at the Horse Guards, the North London Brigade, composed of the 1st, 10th, 18th, 19th, 21st, and 22nd Middlesex Rifles, with the 1st London Engineers, 2nd V.B. West Kent Regiment, Medical Staff Corps, and 1st Cadet Battalion King's Royal Rifles attached, under Col. Sterling, commanding the Coldstream Guards. In Hyde Park the South London Brigade, composed of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd Middlesex Rifles, with the 1st London Engineers, 2nd V.B. West Kent Regiment, Medical Staff Corps, and 1st Cadet Battalion King's Royal Rifles attached, under Col. Sterling, commanding the Coldstream Guards.

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FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

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THE OPENING OF THE SESSION.

which Ministers hoped to pass. On the present occasion the Queen's Speech announced nothing of the kind. The present Government have no legislation which they hope to pass, because they know very well that they have not a majority sufficient to enable them to pass any contentious measures at all. The pompous array of bills gravely enumerated in the Queen's Speech are, as all the world is aware, merely pretences to enable the Govern-

ment to avoid the painful necessity of an appeal to the country, and to "fill up the cup" of the wicked noblemen. The one solitary point of interest in the speech was—an omission! Not a word did it contain about the famous Resolution against the House of Lords, which is, according to Lord Rosebery, to effect the most tremendous revolution that the Constitution has known since the time of the Stuarts. As Mr. Rosebery said, the House of Lords is the

Balfour asked, in the course of the subsequent debate, "Where is it?" The country will probably agree with the leader of the Opposition that "if you have got a revolution on your programme it ought to come first in the list." Whether the country is or is not of Mr. Balfour's way of thinking on that point, it is quite certain that the Radical electors in one of the most Radical constituencies are by no means satisfied with the Ministerial policy of keeping back the threat-

ened resolution against the Peers. This may be gathered from the remarkable and significant affair of Mr. Clement Higgins, Radical member for Mid-Norfolk. Mr. Higgins has notified to the party whips that they are not to count on his vote in future, and has explained the reason why to the Liberal Association in his division. Mr. Higgins adheres firmly to the Newcastle programme, but he believes in a *Second Chamber*, and declines to support

A second Chamber and decides to support the resolution against the Lords. That, however, is not all. Mr. Higgins goes on to say that he will vote against any measures which are brought in to serve the purposes of the campaign against the Peers. For, he roundly declares, the policy of "filling up the cup" is dishonest. Now, as we have said, it is to "fill up the cup" of the Lords, as well as to put off the inevitable defeat at the polls, that Ministers have introduced

their present programme. They stand, therefore, convicted of dishonesty by one of their own supporters. This would be bad enough for them in all conscience. But worse remains behind. The action of the rebellious member has been formally approved by his constituents. Instead of summoning Mr. Higgins to resign at once, the Liberal Association of Mid-Norfolk have thanked him for his past services, re-elected him to his seat, and called on

questioned him to retain his seat, and allowed him "a free hand for the future." What if other constituencies should be emboldened to follow the same course? There must be not a few men among the ranks of the Ministerialists in the House of Commons who secretly agree with Mr. Higgins, but have not the courage to say so. The fact that Mr. Higgins has displayed the courage of his opinion may, very possibly, induce other members to do the

name, and their constituents to endorse their action. In any case the conduct of the Mid-Norfolk Radicals and of their member show that there must be many searchings of heart in the ranks of the party over the whole subject of the Resolution against the Lords. The session is, indeed, opening ominously for the Government. The Parnellites are in open revolt, and they may at any moment be joined by other seceders. The Government

may, therefore, be doomed to defeat at an early date. Nevertheless, it is quite possible that they may continue to flounder on, powerless alike for good and for evil, to the end of another barren and wasted session.

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MUNICIPAL LONDON.

The approaching election of the new London County Council will show which of the two broad general principles that it is pos-

able to apply to the future municipal government of the metropolis finds favour with the Londoners. What those two principles are was very clearly explained by Mr. Chamberlain in his speech at Stepney last Wednesday. The scheme which is dear to the Radicals, and which has also been recommended by the report of the Royal Commissioners, may be described in one word as a scheme of Centralisation. It is proposed to create one great central authority surrounded by a

number of small and insignificant municipal bodies, which would be required, in plain English, to do the dirty work of the central body, those lesser duties at which that magnificent institution could not condescend to drudge. "Their idea," said Mr. Chamberlain, speaking of the Progressive or Aggressive party, "is to leave all the drudgery to the local authorities, but to take all the honour to themselves." Mr. Chamberlain rightly protests against this conception of "one vast

over-reaching, centralised despotism," to which the Radicals would subject all London—for their own political purposes. This,

A risky, but successful, operation was carried out in the shaft of the Diglake Pit, Staffordshire, on Monday. The tubbing process for the removal of the water was temporarily suspended, in order to remove a wagon which had become jammed in the lower part of the shaft, and obstructed the pumping of the water. Successive batches of four men, including Mr. G. Burgess, who directed, were sent down, but the task they had undertaken was a very trying one. Temporary scaffolding had first to be erected, and then the men grappled for the wagon, which lay over the under water. At half-past four the water was raised, and the wagon, having been fastened by hooks to the bottom of the tub, The great strain upon the ropes rendered it necessary to wind up very cautiously, but the explorers and the wagon, which was nearly filled with coal, were brought to the surface in safety, in the presence of a crowd of people, who roared with applause. The pumping and hooking on of the wagon had to be done in the icy cold water, the depth of which, owing to the stoppage of the pumping and winding, kept constantly increasing, until, within five hours, it had risen more than as many inches. The pumping and tubbing operations had been prosecuted by the Queen having sent a subscription of £50 to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the disaster.

The adjourned inquest on the bodies of Henry Holland and Henry Rhodes, recovered from the Diglake Colliery on the 15th ult., was resumed at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. The bodies had been recovered since the former inquiry, and there are still 75 men entombed. The Hon. M. F. Napier was present on behalf of the Home Office. The coroner, after taking evidence as to the cause of the flooding of the mine, adjourned the inquiry until the other bodies have been recovered.

SEAMAN SENT TO PENAL SERVITUDE.

At a naval court-martial at Devonport, presided over by Capt. Fomfryth, of Her Majesty's ship "Hector," a seaman named Nicholas Gray pleaded guilty to charges of desertion and striking Lieut. Hickley, of the Cambridge Gunnership Ship, and also striking with a weapon Commander Grammore, of the same vessel. Prisoner, who is a native of Birmingham, was arrested in that town on Jan. 24 as being a deserter, having overstayed his leave. After being brought back to the Cambridge, Lieut. Hickley asked if he had anything to say, when he replied, "Not to you," and on the lieutenant ordering him in charge of a sentry, Gray struck the officer with his fist, and on the following day threw an iron basin at the sentry's thigh.—The court sentenced Gray to three years' penal servitude, which involves dismissal from the service with disgrace.

DISTRESS IN BLACKBURN.

Notwithstanding the magnificent gift of £1,000 by Mr. Tattersall, the distress among the Blackburn poor is as pressing as ever. The Mayor estimates that at least 2,000 families are suffering want, most of these

being dependent upon outdoor employment, which has been stopped altogether for several weeks. The residence of Bishop Cramel Roberts and the police station are besieged by hundreds of applicants for relief, and over 300 are housed to Mayor's private residence in a few hours.

BATH HOTEL BURNED.
The Fernleigh Temperance Hotel, North-parade, Bath, was destroyed by fire on Monday morning. The outbreak originated in the stock-room, and spread with great rapidity. Several visitors had narrow escapes. One was rescued by the fire-escaper, and another by a ladder, while a third left the burning building as the stairs collapsed behind him. The female servants and the proprietress, who were sleeping in the basement, effected their escape through a grating into the roadway. Mr. Harris, Deputy Chief Constable of Carnarvon, lost his car as it was in the fire. The damage was covered by insurance.

ALLEGED BUILDING SOCIETY FRAUDS.
At Marylebone, Frederick Nash, 44, a licensed victualler, of Larkfield Road, Richmond, and the Angel and Sun, Strand, was, on remand, charged on a warrant, for that

On various dates between 1890 and 1894 he made false entries and omitted material particulars from the cash book and deposit ledgers of the Bayview and Kensington Mutual Permanent Benefit Building Society, Westbourne-grove, of which he was the secretary.

—Mr. Musket, who prosecuted, stated the circumstances under which the charge arose, and added that the accounts were passed to a firm of chartered accountants, who, after a very careful examination, found that the defalcations amounted to over £10,000.

—The witness, Mr. Mackenzie, one of the directors of the society for 20 years, the magistrate remanded the prisoner, offering to admit him to bail, with two sureties of £500 each.

HE KNEW THE LAW.

The case of Wryll v. Sarkies came before Judge Smith in Westminster County Court.—Plaintiff applied for the committal of the defendant, a barrister, for the non-payment of a debt for rings supplied.—In answer to questions by plaintiff's solicitor (Mr. Humphreys), the defendant said he had lived at the Hotel Metropole, the Palace and First Avenue Hotels, and the Prince of Wales's Club.—Mr. Humphreys: Will you tell us what the articles are?—The defendant: I will not. His Honour: When you bought these rings did you say you were not in a position to pay for them?—Defendant: That was two or three years ago.—His Honour:

Did you say when you bought the rings you were not in a position to pay?—Defendant: I had not the money at the time.—In reply to further questions, he said he never had had the money to pay all at once. He said said he was in receipt of £600 a year.—His Honour: You go and buy expensive jewellery and you do not practice, but you seem to get on without it.—Plaintiff's son said when he knew defendant a few days ago he said he knew all the "dodges of the ropes" to avoid payment. If he had to pay so much a month he would pay it, and then he thought he would pay it all at once. He also said he knew the law well, as he was a barrister.—An order to pay £5 a month was made.

sender, named Beveridge, walked off the hurricane deck into the awning, and fell overboard. The lifeboat was immediately manned by the third and fourth officers. It was away in three minutes, and brought Beveridge safely back to the ship. The collection for the crew amounted to 23s., the rescued man giving £5. The sea was perfectly calm at the time of the accident, and the ship was delayed only 20 minutes.

A destructive outbreak of fire occurred at 43, Bramley-road, Notting Hill. The house was entirely gutted.

A fire broke out on Wednesday at Northumberland Buildings, Fenchurch-street, City, on the premises of Smith and Ellis, printers, and the waste paper stores on the ground floor were severely damaged.

The estate is announced at Liverpool that Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, widow of James M'Dowall, of Renshaw-street, Dossat, was born on the 5th of November, 1794, as was thus a centenary.

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LONDON UNEMPLOYED.

DEMONSTRATION IN TRAFALGAR-SQUARE.

Under the auspices of the Central Unemployed Committee a demonstration was held in Trafalgar-square on Saturday afternoon. Delegates from many of the suburban branches of the movement assembled on the Embankment and marched in procession, headed by several banners, to the square. As usual, the plinth of Nelson's Column formed the platform, and a large number of people were attracted to the spot, doubtless by the array of banners. The first speaker, Mr. G. Carver, of the House Painters' Union, caused some murmurs among the audience by animadverting upon the conduct of Mr. J. Barnes, who had refused to reply to the letter of the committee inviting him to the demonstration. The next speaker was Mr. W. Thorne, secretary of the Gasworkers' Union, who asserted that at least 10,000 people were out of employment in London, and something over 1,000,000 in the country generally. He moved the following resolution:—"That inasmuch as there are one million workers out of employment through no fault of their own, who, together with their dependents, make a total of at least three millions of men, women, and children, who are thus reduced to the verge of starvation; as it is the duty of the State to guarantee to every citizen the opportunity of maintaining himself and his dependents by honest labour, therefore resolved: That, pending the reorganisation of society on the basis of industrial commonwealth, this meeting demands that immediate action be taken by the Government, and all local bodies, to provide employment for every unemployed worker, such employment not to entail loss of citizenship, or carry any other form of degradation, and to be remunerated by trade union rate of wages." This resolution was seconded by Mrs. France, wife of a docker, who was followed by Mr. Tom Mann, who, needless to say, received a rousing reception from his admirers. Mr. Tillet expressed a hope that this year would see the end of the cry of "The right to work," and that next year would inaugurate the cry of "The right to live," advanced arguments to show that the ranks of the unemployed were steadily being increased, and attributing it, to a great extent, to the increase of the industrial revolution. Mr. Tillet spoke very strongly of the police, and the Home Secretary in the appointment of inspectors under the Factory Acts, evoking loud cheers when he observed that whatever he did or he did not do for the workers, "Aquith was always careful to stick up for the union rate of wages himself." The resolution was carried. Another resolution calling upon Mr. J. Keir Hardie and other members of Parliament to support an amendment to the Address, and "otherwise obstruct all business in the House of Commons until such time as the unemployed question has been dealt with," was also adopted.

TINNED SALMON-SUPPOSED

The Hertford coroner held an inquest at Huddersfield on Feb. 9 on the body of Rose Florence Cook, 29, wife of a harness-maker. The husband stated that his wife purchased a tin of salmon, ate part of it the same night, and left the rest in the tin, finishing it next day. Soon after she complained of feeling ill, vomiting freely. A doctor was called in, but the woman died in a few hours. Dr. Love said he found the woman in a state of collapse, and she died in great agony. A post-mortem examination gave evidence of a corrosive irritant in the stomach, and death was due to gastric irritation and collapse resulting from it. The inquest was adjourned for the contents of the stomach to be analysed by the Home Office authorities. The children of the deceased, who ate some of the salmon the same night as the tin was opened, were not affected.

SUNDAY RECREATION.

At St. Martin's Town Hall on Feb. 2, a conference was held under the auspices of the National Federation of Sunday Societies, to consider the position of affairs resulting from the continued attempt to suppress lectures and performances of music on Sundays. Lord Hobhouse presided. Resolutions were passed calling upon the Government to introduce a bill to amend the Sunday Act, and in the case of the Government not dealing with the question, empowering the Executive Council to arrange for the introduction of a bill. The opinion was also expressed that the bill might with advantage be first introduced in the House of Lords.

MYSTERIOUS INJURIES.

Last week Mr. Drew concluded an inquiry concerning the death of Ellen Clancy, 30, of Crown Terrace, Parson's Green. On the 23rd ult., when admitted to the infirmary she complained of pains in her head, and the nurse noticed a bruise on her face which she said her husband had given her. She became delirious, and died on Friday. On the 1st ult. she had been drinking in the "Whitewater" at Fulham-road, and was taken home by her husband, and, it was alleged, fell in Parson's Green-lane, cutting her head. Dr. Shaw said a post-mortem examination revealed several bruises of recent date. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhage, the result of violence. An open verdict was returned.

ENGLISH TRANSPORT FOR FRENCH WAR MATERIAL.

An excited discussion took place in the French Chamber on Feb. 3, over the action of the Government in employing British ships to take out some of the armaments required for the Madagascar campaign, but the matter was finally allowed to drop after the Minister of Marine had given explanations. He said that the accepted English contract was 60,000fr. lower than the lowest French tender sent in, and that the work could be carried out much more expeditiously than it would were French vessels engaged.

Kilkenny Court House has been partially destroyed by fire.

The Curlew liner Cephalonia has arrived at Queenstown after a terrible Atlantic passage.

The Salvation Army barracks at Almeida-street, Upper-street, Kingston, was the scene of a fire on Wednesday night, which resulted in much damage to the basement.

At Bradford, on Thursday, 25 persons were fined for intimidating and assaulting the workmen who had been engaged to fill the places of the strikers at the works of Messrs. Bina, dyers, of Wyke.

A Hertford Assizes, Mrs. Kate Arkle, 32, of Hemel Hempstead, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for neglecting her child, a few weeks old, so as to cause its death on Christmas Day.

A butcher's boy at Swanage picked up a pocket-book containing 470. The owner's name was inside, and the lad at once returned it. To prove that "honesty is the best policy," the owner rewarded him with the handsome sum of 6d.

For the past quarter of a century there has been one continuous flow of letters bearing testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. These letters, which are sent to the proprietors, are of the most varied character, and are of the most varied character, and are of the most varied character.

BRAVERY REWARDED.

The Harwich Trade Association awarded a binocular glass to Mr. Martin Dean, master, a silver medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to Mr. William J. Jones, chief officer, and a bronze medal for saving life at sea to Frederick Faragher, and Thomas Rex, seamen, of the steamship Vigilant, of Liverpool, in recognition of their services in rescuing the crew of the schooner Miner, of Carnarvon, which foundered in the Irish Channel on Dec. 9 last.

ATTEMPT TO UPSURP TRAINS.

At Winchester Assizes, before Mr. Justice Cave, Charles Wyatt, 18, a labourer, pleaded guilty to maliciously placing an obstruction across the South-western Railway at Fleet, on Nov. 10. Mr. Bullen, with Mr. Tickle, prosecuted for the company. Early in the morning some palings had been pulled down and placed across the rails. No harm, however, was done. Soon afterwards a sleeper was placed across the rails, and the obstruction was removed. The engine being greatly damaged. These two matters were reported to the company, and on the officials examining the line they remarked lying beside the other sleepers two newly-picked cressets. In the afternoon the 4.35 down Southampton express, which was a special train, was stopped by the obstruction, and when the driver, after slowing up, stopped his train at Fleet, he found that the engine guard was damaged, and that the bogey wheels had skidded with a piece of new sleeper. Later, the Exeter express driver discovered that his engine had been damaged through running into some impediment, which proved to be the other newly-picked sleeper. In each case the shock was felt by the passengers. A man named Etheridge was placed in the prisoner's cell, and to him Wyatt said he had actually set on a fence to see the effect of the trains dashing into the obstruction. Etheridge told him it was an offence next to murder, whereupon the accused said he would be a good job if a few people were killed. He remarked Mr. Bullen, it was a mercy that there was not a wholesale slaughter. Prisoner, whose manner was odd, had a previous good character. Five years.

HOME COUNTIES UNIONIST AGENTS.

The annual general meeting of the Unionist agents of the home counties took place at Westminster. There was a very full attendance of members. The following gentlemen were present: Mr. R. W. E. Middleton (chief agent), president; Mr. G. B. Northcote (Barnborough), chairman; Mr. W. A. Gales (Dartford Division), vice-chairman; Mr. E. Salbe (Central Office), hon. treasurer; Capt. Kennedy (North Bucks), hon. secretary.

LIVERPOOL WATERWORKS SCHEMES.

Sir W. B. Forwood, at a meeting of the Liverpool City Council on Wednesday, raised a discussion upon the estimates of the Water Committee, pointing out that, upon the surface, they showed the committee to be in a position to reduce the charges. Alderman T. Hughes explained that in August next the committee would have to commence to pay to a sinking fund of 215,000 a year in respect of the Vyrnwy Waterworks, and as they were anxious not to increase the charges for water, they had been getting a "net-gets" together. They were obliged to submit and estimate which, on the face of it, would justify them on levying the present charges, but they did not intend to dissipate their balance of 228,000. Mr. Pault and Mr. Lynskey objected to the committee charging the present consumers more than was necessary, for the benefit of the people at a future time. Mr. Hughes justified the proceedings of the committee, and stated that a substantial concession had recently been made to the shipping interest in the charges for water. The estimates were approved.

LADY IN TROUBLE.

The case against the woman whose name had ascertained to be Elizabeth Sims, and who had lodged at Queen's-road, Baywater, was again brought before the Marylebone Court. Last week she was committed for trial for stealing two pieces of silk and other articles valued at 24 odd, the property of Mr. William Whiteley, of Westbourne-grove. Mr. C. O. Humphreys, solicitor, prosecuted; Mr. Freke Palmer, solicitor, defended. Two further charges were now gone into of stealing from a shop in Oxford-street four pieces of silk, a mantle, and a bodice, valued at 26 lbs. 6d., the property of John Peter Robinson, of 21, Oxford-street. The property in these cases was found at the prisoner's lodgings after she was in custody on the first charge. Mr. Freke Palmer, on behalf of the prisoner, said that she would plead not guilty, and would reserve her defence. Committed for trial.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

At Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council, the Council resolved to contribute one-third of the net cost (each proportion set at 250,000) of the widening of Upper Thames street, a telegraphic cable, and a sewer. A proposal to ask Parliamentary powers to construct an improved southern approach to the Tower Bridge was rejected.

FORGED TELEGRAMS.

Two of the men charged with conspiring to defraud bookmakers by means of forged telegrams were committed by the Central Criminal Court to the House of Detention. The Common Sergeant said it was one of the cleverest frauds that had ever come before a court. Sir James F. Stephen, J.P., presided.

ALLEGED PROMOTION OF FRIENDS.

At West London, Francis Edward Correll, of the firm of Cartwright, Coxall, and Co., auctioneers, &c., of Fulham-road, was summoned for obtaining 205 from Henry W. Peacock, a grocer, by false representations. Committed for trial.

Mr. T. Owen, M.P. for Lancashire Division, Cornwall, has sent to the hon. secretary of the Devon and Cornwall District of the New Poor Law Fund a cheque for 212.12s.

Over 225 has been collected for William Westlake, a Shalston fisherman, whose boat was seriously damaged and his nets destroyed by the heavy gale of Jan. 12.

The Royal Commission on Agriculture resumed its sittings on Thursday after a Christmas recess. Mr. Shaw, who presided, was present, and a number of the members occupied the chair, and read the members' further evidence from Mr. Elliott, secretary of the Board of Agriculture, as to the depression as shown by official records.

ONE HUNDRED PRISONERS.

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MUNICIPAL OFFER.

The piece of land adjoining the Shepherd's Bush Railway Station, which was presented some time ago by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to the Library Commissioners of Hamersmith, for the purpose of building an additional free library for the borough, still remains vacant through the want of funds. A gentleman, whose name is at present withheld from publication, and who is well-known in the metropolis for his philanthropy, has offered to give the amount necessary towards the erection of the required buildings provided that the ratepayers of Hamersmith arrange for its subsequent maintenance. It is proposed, in consequence of this offer, again to take a poll of the parish, with a view of increasing the present library rate from 1d. to 1d. in the pound. The erection of the new library would cost, it is estimated, between 26,000 and 27,000.

ALLEGED STARVATION CASE.

At Limehouse, Mr. Wareing, whose name has been so prominently brought before the public in connection with an inquest held on one of her children, whose death was alleged to be due to starvation, attended before Mr. Baxter, East London coroner, and said that she wished to clear her husband's character. On Feb. 2 it was reported her husband earned 30s. a week, but he had never done it. It was also untrue that he was a lazy man. The coroner: I have heard of very good authority that he was in regular work. Mrs. Wareing: He has only done a day occasionally since last March. The coroner: How much money have you received? Mrs. Wareing: 13 lbs. 6d., and 45s. 6d. The coroner: How hard was the work? Mrs. Wareing: I had to do it. The coroner: Was it in consequence of a report which was grossly exaggerated. I understand they have stopped giving you any more money, and quite right too. Your case is not by any means an unusual one; the money that has been sent in is out of all proportion. It is a great pity that people should be misled like this. If it is given to a clerk, man, or to myself to distribute, it would be far better. You have received about 220, and another poor woman who came before me has not received a single penny. A juryman: This sort of thing spoils all deserving cases. The coroner: I intend to return all I have received. The jury: Quite right, and cries of "Hear, hear."

CUT OFF THE WATER SUPPLY.

At Greenwich, Mrs. Ellen Baker, of Mount Pleasant-road, Lewisham, was summoned by the Lewisham Board of Works for having her house without a proper and efficient supply of water. The case had been before the court on a previous occasion, when Mr. Pridham, who defended, said that it was impossible for the defendant to comply with an order, and that the offence was not her act, inasmuch as the Kent Waterworks Company had cut off the water. A few days following the first hearing of the case the water company issued a summons against Mrs. Baker to recover 11 lbs. 6d., three quarters water-rate for Christmas last. On the 2nd ult. the water company appeared, and said that it was impossible for the defendant to comply with an order, and that the offence was not her act, inasmuch as the Kent Waterworks Company had cut off the water. 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Mr. Labouchere contemplates moving an amendment to the Address in reference to the House of Lords.

A memorial of Professor J. C. Adams, the Liverpool naturalist, has been placed in the great hall of St. John's College, Cambridge.

It is practically certain that the Government will deal with the Irish land question in two separate measures.

No fewer than 17 infants under one year old were last week suffocated in the metropolitan hospitals with their parents.

In Vienna there is a very stringent law against begging. Any person found begging in the street is instantly arrested.

Earl Granville has been chosen as one of the lords-in-waiting to her Majesty, in the room of Lord Monkswell, who resigned.

The Speaker will entertain the members of the Opposition on Monday, Feb. 20, and of the Opposition on March 1.

Lord Tweedmouth has been elected by the London County Council an alderman, in the place of the late Mr. J. H. Rhodes.

The death is announced of the popular poet, August Lustig, of Melbourne, in his 56th year.

Wigan police found a carter named Smith lying dead in bed with a knife through his heart.

The Earl and Countess of Westmorland have left England for a three months' yachting tour with Lord and Lady Ashburton.

At sea level an object a hundred feet high is visible a little over 13 miles. If 500ft. high it is visible nearly 30 miles.

Prince Bariatinsky has consented to open on Easter Monday a charity bazaar, to be held at the residence of the British consul at Nice.

The Opium Commission expects to be able to issue its report by the end of the present month.

The water of the Dead Sea yields about two pounds to the gallon of saline substance.

Lord Bolton, of Bolton Hall, Wensley, Yorkshire, has returned to his tenants on the Leyburn estate 12½ per cent. of their last half-year's rents.

An explosion took place at Rochester in a chamber beneath the pavement connected with the electric light, and was caused by a leakage of gas coming into contact with an electric spark.

M. Kornel Abranyi, a member of the Hungarian Diet, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and three years' deprivation of civil rights for violently resisting the authorities.

Salt is a taxable commodity or as a Government monopoly, is a source of permanent revenue in Oriental nations, while in Abyssinia and Thibet salt has been used as money.

The Bishop of Lincoln has given a second donation of £450 to the Emergency Fund of the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education.

The necessity of the maintenance of Church schools in the diocese.

"The Princess Paulina," now in New York, is probably the smallest dwarf living. She is 10 inches tall and weighs only nine pounds. She was born in Holland, is 19 years old, and speaks four languages fluently.

The pay of schoolmasters in the Army is to be increased. By a new order they are to receive after eight years' service, if appointed to warrant rank, 5s. 1d. per day; after nine years, 6s. 7d.; after 12 years, 6s.

A little mouse has caused a great fire at Stockton-on-Tees—if he be not belied. He nibbled a wax match until it ignited and set fire to a chemist's shop, which was burned to the ground.

The "Great Star," which arrived at Scarborough, had on board the body of William Forrest, port owner of the vessel. He was nearly decapitated by machinery when five miles from port.

James Doherty, of East New-street, a labouring man, was brought up at the Stafford Borough Police Court on a charge of carrying off and throwing a quantity of boiling soap upon his wife.

Dr. Ferras, of Madrid, who created a sensation three years ago by announcing his discovery of a cure for cholera by means of inoculating the disease, now states that he has discovered a remedy for mercurology.

During the course of a disturbance which occurred at the Concert Hall, Manchester, between two gangs of youths, knives and heavily buckled belts were freely used. Three youths were seriously stabbed, and had to be taken to the infirmary.

The first iron bridge ever erected in the world, and which is in constant use at the present time, was built in the county of Wiltshire, the railway leading from Shrewsbury to Worcester. It was built in the year 1778, and is exactly 96ft. in length.

It is stated in official circles that Mr. Ralph Knox, C.B., will succeed in April Sir Ralph Thompson as Permanent Under-secretary at the War Office. Mr. Knox has been all his life at the War Office, and has the whole of the various departments at his finger-tips.

An instance of sagacity on the part of a dog occurred at Peterborough. A boy, aged five years, fell off the north bank into the River Nene, and, before the skaters on the flooded meadows could go to his assistance, a shepherd's dog jumped in and pulled him out.

Owing to their small size the Yokohama policemen sometimes have a difficulty in arresting drunken sailors—big, brawny Englishmen, Danes, or Swedes—in the Yachiwara, or Tenderloin district. But they are clever little fellows and stick to their prisoners manfully.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has during the last recorded month investigated 1,533 complaints of neglect, starvation, ill-treatment, and other wrongs. Of these charges 1,437 were found to be true, involving 1,917 offenders and affecting the welfare of 4,949 children.

The White Star steamer Tauric arrived at Liverpool. The New York with one of his crew in fun of her hold. It is believed the fire originated through some defect in one of the electric wires. While attempting to repair the damaged wire an electrician was suffocated.

Herr Pierre Rosenger, a very popular German novelist, bitterly attacks, in a leading London review, the warlike tastes of his countrymen. Foreigners, he declares, are amazed when they come to Germany at the perpetual toppling. After beer it is schnapps that is brandy.

Mr. Louis Brennan will shortly vacate his appointment as superintendent of the factory at Chatham, and will be employed in London as an adviser on the proposed route to his Western and to the Admiralty. The factory will then be placed under military control, and the staff will become military, although civil labour will still be employed.

Customs officials at Philadelphia have discovered that certain London dealers in chinaware, after selling to American tourists goods to the price of 10s. a dozen, were to be sold to the Americans at 10s. a dozen, and on half their real value, thus paying only on half the rightful duty, and defrauding all the Government and their customers.

Every man has his price in England, as shown by an advertisement that appeared recently in a newspaper which read:— "A beautiful boy for adoption, worth to his going 500 guineas. Would give his boy to lady gentleman for the sum of £250." The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children investigated the matter, and found that a farmer who had lost his wife and

purpose, and received substantial gifts from them.

The Morley Town Council have resolved to provide a public slaughter-house.

Mrs. Campbell will receive the very handsome salary of £80 a week at the Garrison Theatre.

Mr. Balfour's new book, "The Foundation of Belief," will be published by Messrs. Longman and Co.

A communication received from Nice states that the condition of Mr. W. Saunders, M.P., remains exactly the same.

James Southworth has left Cannes in improved health for Rome, where he will stay for about three weeks.

A ticket collector named Joseph Haugh was accidentally run over at Edge Hill Station, and sustained fractures of both legs.

Bachelors have long had clubs established for their social convenience. Spinners are no exception. There is a proposal to start a spinners' club in London.

The number of aliens that arrived from the continent at ports in the United Kingdom during the month of December, 1894 amounted to 3,337.

An exhibition of pictures on marine subjects by Edward G. Martinio has been opened at the British Museum.

"Billie" is exciting much interest, especially in naval circles.

Mrs. Cavendish-Bentinck has been taken seriously ill whilst visiting her eldest son, Mr. Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., at his residence, Audley's Wood, Basingstoke.

An epidemic of small-pox is threatened in Glasgow, where there are 22 cases in the hospital; the outbreak being attributed to imported Irish rage.

Lord Calthorpe has been elected president of the North Hants Divisional Council of the Primrose League, in the place of the late Lord Basing.

The Prince of Wales' Theatre, Liverpool, is now the theatre of Capt. Wombwell, who has acquired two freeshold from the mortgagees.

A translation into German of "The Case of Rebellious Susan" will be produced in Berlin by Herr Blumenthal early in the spring.

The Liverpool Improvement Committee have informed the Watch Committee that they have no land available upon which to erect shelters for the accommodation of those waiting for trams.

The Finance Committee of the Liverpool City Council decided that it is desirable that St. George's Hall, should be completed according to the designs and obvious intention of the architect of the building.

Estate duty on the higher scale of the Finance Act, 1894, has been paid on £75,739s. 4d., as the net value of the personal estate of Mr. Thomas Stuart Kennedy, of Park Hill, Wetherby, Yorks.

Dr. Darwen, Michael and Margaret Brown were charged with causing the death of a six-month-old child by starvation. It was stated that the child was very dirty, very emaciated, and weighed only 7lb. The mill supplied it was sour. Remanded.

The parish church of St. Lawrence, Longridge, near Preston, is about to be furnished with a mural brass tablet as a memorial of the late vicar, the Rev. Fitzherbert A. Cave, who died on the 26th inst., after having officiated in the rectory since its consecration in 1877 from the vicarage of Padstow.

At a meeting of the Eccles Town Council the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee supported a request from the Eccles borough council to be allowed to play sacred music in the recreation grounds on Sunday afternoons. The council, however, by 10 votes against seven, refused to accede to the request.

There emigrated from the United Kingdom last month, for places out of Europe, 6,398 persons of British origin, 2,730 foreigners, and 235 whose nationality was not distinguished. The total, 9,345, shows an increase of 2,487 emigrants as compared with the corresponding month last year.

By resolution of the directors of the Manchester School Board a long debate took place on a resolution to abolish fees in all the elementary board schools of Manchester, with the exception of departments in the higher-grade schools, where a fee of 6d. is paid. The resolution was defeated by nine votes to five.

Mr. Justice Bruce, sitting with Thwaites J., in Admiralty, decided that the *Elm*, of Manx Steam Packet Company's steamer, Prince of Wales was alone to blame for the sinking of the screw-steamer *Hibernia* in collision off Douglas Head on the 11th of August last.

The Marquis of Salisbury contributes £10 towards the total of about £290 which has already been collected for the relief of the appeal issued a fortnight ago by the Bishop of London, Rochester, and St. Albans, on behalf of the Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association.

A shocking accident took place at Salford Cattle Market. A cattle drover named Harry Harrison, of Pendleton, was trampled upon by a bull in a pen in which he was confined. He was knocked down, and again and again gored by the bull's horns, and trampled upon. He died immediately after reaching the hospital.

The London County Council have resolved to ask the Home Secretary to issue an order prohibiting, under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, the taking or destruction of any wild birds or their eggs at any place within the county of London, as to wild birds during the whole period covered by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, Section 3, and as to the eggs of wild birds during any part of the year.

By the recent death of the widow of Captain Fletcher Haynes, military secretary of the Government, and chief commissioner of Oude, there has passed away a lady well known herself had an eventful career, she having gone through the memorable sieges of Lucknow. She was the daughter of the late Col. Torrens, C.B., Adjutant-general of the Queen's Troops, Bengal, and was 69 years of age.

A despatch from Lemberg states that the winter is terribly severe in Galicia and in the countries of Eastern Europe. Snow falls so heavily at the commencement of the season that for weeks numberless villages have been isolated. Thousands of wolves from the Carpathians are ravaging the plains, devouring cattle, dogs, and even attacking while going to church, and several women were killed.

At Preston County Court, Maria Howarth, an elderly lady, sought to recover from James Kitchen, tailor, £50 damages for injuries received through the negligence of a driver of a bicycle by refusing to give way to him when he was walking in Moor Park Avenue, Preston, when she was struck violently in the back. She was knocked down, sustaining a compound fracture of the left leg, and a dislocated ankle. Judge Coventry awarded her £20.

A gambler passing through a wood near Epsom, Surrey, near Nantwich, discovered clothing lying about, and on going to a nearby found the dead body of a man. Two police were communicated with, and identified the body as that of a man, Fadverson, an Italian, recently released from prison on vagrancy. The poor fellow, it would seem, had gone to the police to commit suicide, but finding that he could not do so, he had hanged himself to die of exposure.

The town clerks of Liverpool has received from the secretary of the London and Northern Railway Company a reply to a recent memorial from the Council and Chamber of Commerce asking for an acceleration of the passenger service between Liverpool and London. The letter points out that the difference is a material difference between speed-trains run in connection with Atlantic steamers and fixed expresses, and that

The coasts of the world are protected by Coast Guards.

Pink and purple are the leading colours worn in Paris this season.

A photographer's shop in Edgeware-road has been entirely destroyed by fire.

A fire broke out at Wellesley-street, Euston-road. Annie Beauchamp, 10, was burned to death.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board it was stated that 2,324 fever patients were under treatment in the hospitals of the board.

An explosion of firedamp occurred on Monday in a colliery at Montpeau-en-Meuse, near Châlons-sur-saône. Forty-two lives are believed to have been lost, and 10 men were killed or less severely injured.

At Westminster, William Hall, formerly a traveller, arrested on a warrant at Upper Tooting, was placed in the dock on remand charged with forging and uttering a receipt.

Mr. De Rutzen committed the accused for trial. Bail was accepted.

At Rochdale, Mr. Councillor Rushworth and Mr. George Petrie, both members of the bench, were summoned for an alleged offence in connection with the Municipal Registration Act. The case against Councillor Rushworth was dismissed and that against Mr. Petrie was withdrawn.

At Westminster, William Lemon, a coachman, of Pulford-street, Piccadilly, was ordered to stand trial for the violent assault on his wife, Janetie. Mr. De Rutzen sentenced the prisoner to six months' hard labour, and decreed an order of separation with an order to pay the wife 10s. a week.

At St. Clement Danes Vestry Hall, Mr. Troutbeck held an inquest touching the death of Elizabeth Crawford, 41, wife of a fishmonger, lately living in the Edgeware-road. The cause of death was found to be the influence of chloroform. Verdict, death through misadventure.

At Torquay, the coastguard officials seized four large casks of claret on board the French trawler T. B. 27. The trawler put into the harbour on Sunday for shelter, and was captured while the coastguard officials were picking it up off Choburg. There were no signs of the casks having been in the water.

At Marylebone, William Baldwin, 24, plumber; William Hempen, 23, labourer, and William Bennett, 26, labourer, were charged with committing two highway robberies in the Edgeware-road on Sunday morning.

At the hearing before the Recorder, Mr. Slade committed the prisoners for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

According to reports from Delagoa Bay an attack has been made by the Caffirs of the Portuguese camp at Maraqueen under cover of the treacherous use of a flag of truce. The Portuguese officials admit a loss of 100 men, and refer to an independent report stating that the dead numbered from 50 to 70, and that there were many wounded. The Caffir loss is estimated at about 150.

The Earl of Morley, presiding at the annual meeting of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce on Monday, said for the first time they had seen useful work done in electricity for coast communication, and he hoped that the Board of Trade and the Treasury would agree to bring about a more rapid development of telegraphic communication between light ships and lighthouses and the shore.

The trawler Empress has arrived at Yarmouth in tow and badly damaged. She reports that on the 2nd inst., when off Southwold, the steamer Collingham, of Lowestoft, was run into, and the vessel was otherwise disabled. By the exertions of the crew the Empress just managed to reach Yarmouth Roads. The Collingham proceeded on her voyage.

Sir Frank Forbes Adam, president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, in the course of his address at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade and the Treasury, said the labours of the various sectional committees, went on to remark that the war between China and Japan had not, according to the published returns, diminished our trade with the former country.

The official inquiry into the two explosions which occurred in Euston-road in December last, has been reported to the Board of Trade, in which Mr. Cardew attributes the occurrences to the firing of a mixture of coal gas and air by an electric spark. Two existing causes of danger are indicated, which the inspector considers that the Vestry of St. Pancras should lose no time in removing.

A reputation waited on the President of the Board of Trade, and asked that regulations should be made for protecting the lives of men working at the docks. Mr. Bryce said it was not within the power of the board to do all that had been asked, but he promised to exercise all the powers the Government possessed if cases were brought to the notice of accidents which had not been provided for by the statute.

An addition was made to the effective strength of the Royal Navy on Monday. Vice-admiral Richard Wells, commander-in-chief at the Nore, after making an official inspection, formally passed the new two screw second-class cruiser Forte, built and designed at Chatham, into the service of the Royal Navy, and was ready for service. The Forte cost £131,000, exclusive of her machinery.

In the Probate and Divorce Division Mr. Edward St. John Brennan, a journalist, applied to have varied the order of the court for permanent maintenance made in the divorce case of Brennan v. Brennan. The defendant told the applicant that he must go to the Court of Appeal, and dismissed the application with costs. Mr. Brennan protested that he had already been subjected to a Niagara of costs.

A Cambridgehire lady has determined to start a lodge of Freemasons on her own account, and she states that the number of applicants for initiation is so large that she is anxious to become acquainted with the ancient secrets of the mystic order testified to an earnest desire on the part of many women to assist men in the working of the craft. From what quarter she is to receive her warrant does not appear.

James W. Tappan, a well-known police merchant, was at Marylebone Police Court, charged, at the instance of the Incorporated Law Society, with unlawfully pretending to be a solicitor. He wrote to a lady saying was "instructed" to apply to her for ten guineas, adding that, if the money was paid by a day mentioned, he should take legal proceedings. The defendant, who was charged with perjury, was ordered to pay a fine of 45s. and 25s. costs.

A farmhouse and offices near Fermo from which a man named William O'Connell was evicted five years ago, were maliciously burned to the ground last week. The farmhouse was derelict until about two years since when it was taken by Capt. Collier, who stocked it with a large number of deer. While the caretaker was at a neighbouring house the premises were set in flames. A claim for £400 compensation has been lodged.

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POISON ON BANK NOTES.

A bank teller of Vienna recently died from the effects of poisoning his fingers with saliva. At the first revision of the vaults it fell to his lot to count a large number of small bills, and, although repeatedly warned, continued mechanically to touch his lips when his fingers became too dry. That evening he felt a smarting pain in his lips, but he did not attend to it until the morning, when he set in the next day. He then consulted a physician, who insisted upon an immediate operation on the tumor, that had in the meantime assumed alarming proportions, as indispensable. A consultation of eminent specialists declared his condition critical, but decided upon the operation as a possible chance. In spite of the operation, the patient died three days after of blood poisoning.

THE GROWTH OF JERUSALEM.

Travelers who have recently visited Jerusalem report that the historic city is just now growing in size and population at a rapid rate. The Jews build the greater number of houses; but Russians, Greeks, and Armenians are also busy. When we consider the part which this celebrated place has taken in all the connection with the fulfilment of that prophecy which relates to the downfall of the Turkish empire, according to interpretation of it, this sudden growth and consequent rise in importance as a city, is seen to be exactly what we would naturally expect.

ADMIRAL SIR ALGERNON LYONS.

Admiral Sir Algernon Lyons, naval commander-in-chief at Devonport, will, on Tuesday, preside at the annual meeting of the Royal Sailors' Home at Devonport.

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FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AMENDMENT.
 The following is a translation from the original

COLLIERY DISASTER NEAR BRISTOL

SEVEN LIVES LOST.
On Wednesday, while men were examining

the workings of the Congreore Colliery, Thurstbury, near Bristol, prior to the colliers descending, a terrific explosion occurred, and seven men were killed. The mine, which is owned by Messrs. Tabourne, Smith, and Co., was almost entirely wrecked. Nearly 200

men are employed at the colliery, and as soon as the news of the accident became known a large number of people flocked to the scene and information was imparted to them that a coal-dust explosion had taken place, and that several of the men engaged at the time of the night shift must have perished. It was not until past 9 o'clock that further intelligence came to hand from two of the survivors. They stated that a miner named Carter had fired a shot in the main road and

so doing had ignited the coal dust in the immediate vicinity, which created an explosion, the extent of which they could not tell. The pit had been idle all day, and a perusal of the books showed that only nine men had gone down, and those for the purpose of attending to repairs. Much anxiety existed as

to the safety of the remaining seven, and soon a search party was organised. As the result of their search it was ascertained that the seven men were dead. The names of the men

killed are:—James Carter (41), John Gage (38), George Harding (55), James Durham (30), Joseph Bridges (50), George Sperring (65), and John Keeling. Several of the unfortunate

miners were married, including Carter, who leaves a widow and 12 children.—Robert Sarge, the engine-driver at the lower pit, in an interview, said:—"I have been working as engine-man in the pit for about eight years. One Wednesday I was on night duty, and about a quarter to 9 I heard a tremendous noise—

like something bursting. Fancying it must be my boilers, I ran out, but on finding them all right returned, only to discover that my engine had stopped. Then looking towards the pit shafting I saw dense smoke, and I concluded that an explosion had occurred. I tried to raise the cage, but the machinery was so greatly damaged that I could not move it."

A Bristol telegram states that all the bodies of the victims have been recovered; they were much charred. The inquest was formally opened on Friday and adjourned until the 26th inst.

LONDON SCHOOL BOARD.

At the next meeting of the London School Board a resolution of the Lambeth District School Association, deprecating the issue of any circular embodying religious tests for teachers employed in the district, was carried. The resolution of the association was, on the motion of the chairman, disposed of by the board's agreeing to pass to the next business. In reference to the demand of the Filston School Board for the erection of a new school on the site, Kennington, a motion in favour of the erection of a school was rejected in favour of an amendment.

The Department for Intervention has appointed a committee to consider suggested alternative proposals with regard to a superannuation scheme. The Rev. A. Johnson moved the previous question, on the ground that such a scheme for London would indefinitely postpone the adoption of a national scheme, the government's intention being to—A resolution was carried in favour of establishing an experimental day industrial school in South London.

GREAT FIRE AT THE LONDON DOCKS.

ESTIMATED DAMAGE, £40,000.

What ensued, it is desired to know, hereafter

Dock A range of buildings of two and four stories, extending 200 yards in one direction and 100 yards in another, has suddenly disappeared to be covered by the sea, and before the Docked Police could get on of the appliances with which the docks are supplied in operations, or could call up the firemen, the mischief had commenced to spread right and left with the most startling rapidity. When the earliest engines commenced to arrive at the scene, the range of premises was fast from end to

to end, and a fire of enormous magnitude was seen to be in progress. Steamers were rapidly set to work, while urgent messengers for more help were despatched to the South-west work headquarters. Capt. Simonds ordered men on steamers from nearly every station in the Metropolis, and proceeded himself to the scene to direct the firemen. The state of the roads and the fog which prevailed caused

serious delay in the arrival of this further aid, and in the meantime the conflagration made rapid headway. A long line of shed buildings on the quays, 550ft. long and 70ft. wide, became hopelessly involved. Several barges and a steamship, which were lying at the quay-side, were attacked, and commenced to blaze with the utmost ferocity, and a huge

wood warehouse of four floors. 25'ft. long and 15'ft. wide, was, in turn, attacked. The fire-escape men got deliveries to work from land and water. 27 steamers being employed on the land, and the powerful "C" float, with four cranes, pumping on the flames from the river. The fire, however, burnt furiously until the morning had far advanced, despite the large force, and all the buildings mentioned were destroyed and fell down. The damage done by the fire is estimated at \$40,000.

BOY'S TERRIBLE DESTINATION.
At Clerkenwell, Alfred Brimston, 11, of Warner-street, Clerkenwell, was charged on remand on Wednesday before Mr. Horace Smith, with begging from foot-passengers in Farringdon-road. The boy was first brought to the court on the 30th ult. by the police when he was emaciated, miserably clad, and his face covered with bleeding chilblains. The boots he was wearing hardly hung together. On Wednesday he was again brought before the magistrate after having been detained in the St. Luke's Workhouse for a week. Gowler Bristol drew the magistrate's

attention to the thin, ragged clothes which the boy was wearing, and said that his bare feet were visible through the holes in his boots. He had been sent in this condition from the workhouse, and had walked through the snow.—Mr. Horace Smith, after examining the lad, said: I think it is most disgraceful the way this boy has been sent out. Those shoes hardly have to his feet. He seems to have nothing warm on. It is positively inhuman to send a boy here in such a condition in this terribly severe weather, especially as he seems ill. It cannot have been done under medical advice. I hope the workhouse authorities will be dealt with.—Police

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A fire occurred on Thursday at Messrs. J. Leeson and Sons' extensive shoe factory which was recently erected at Leicester. The premises were completely destroyed, and 30 persons are out of work in consequence.

"IN THE SWIM."

BY A CITY SHARK.

The leading markets still present a quiet appearance, but a good volume of business, both speculative and non-speculative, is transacted daily. It was not to be expected, of course, that the wild work which lately went on would endure. Those who built on that assumption had less experience than those who contracted for a more solid knowledge that ebb and flood, flood and ebb, are invariably the governing factors of stock and Exchange speculation. Home rails have been somewhat languid this week, owing to bad traffic returns. But when the hard weather is taken into account, I do not think that there is much cause for disappointment. Realization is going on in the market of this department, being prompted by a general conviction that it will be possible to get a bit lower prices a bit later. I would not advise operators to trust too much to that chance; stocks are very scarce, while every drop, however small, brings in a shower of fresh buyers. The following are the changes in the several varieties, such as District, Hill and Barnaley, Great Northern Deferred, Chatham 2nd Preference, and Sheffield preferred, will be soon taken in hand for a substantial rise. At present prices, they offer

good prospect of profit with very little risk of loss. American rails are on the seas again, quotations fluctuating hour by hour with more or less violence. From Cleveland, where the market is getting over the currency crisis by an issue of gold bonds would be passed, produce wonderful improvement in the whole situation. But it seems very doubtful whether the Senate will ever be persuaded to adopt a plan of salvation so detested by the powerful silver interest. Foreign securities offer no fresh matter for comment; being strongly supported, they act in defiance all "bear" attacks. Mining shares continue to be active, the present disposition being to

patronise new ventures in Matambwe and Mashonaland. This is quite legitimate speculation; it cannot be doubted that there are fine gold fields in Rhodesia. The same may be said for the Western Australian diggings; here, again, abundant evidence is to be had demonstrating the existence of gold in paying quantities over a wide area. But in both cases, the public have to beware of wild cat schemes got up by wily promoters, for their own enrichment. Two or three correspondents have pressed me to ascribe mine of a bona fide character, which are likely to

have a good time. It would be far too grave a responsibility; if I complied, and things went wrong, my shoulders would break under the burden of anathema which they would be made to bear.

MONEY MARKET.

Markets quiet. Foreign Securities inactive. Home Rails dull. Americans unsettled. Canadian unchanged. Latest quotations—Consols, 104½; Ditto Account, 104 3-16 5-16; Two-and-a-half per Cents., 102 ½.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

British Railway Shares—London and North 348 55

Galcedonia 1936, 205	Lanc. and Yorks. 117, 15
Ditto Delr., 419, 8	Metropolitan 91
"Chatham Road 185, 6	Ditto District, 236, 95
Ditto Def. 122, 1	Middlesex 15
Ditto 2nd Pref. 64, 5	North British, 375, 4
Easton Chald., 78, 6	Ditto Pref. 77, 9
Great Eastern 751, 6	North-Eastern, 109, 5
Great North, 428, 65	North-Western, 202, 5
Ditto Def. 43, 50	Sheffield Delr., 22, 6
Ditto Pref. 116, 17	Sth. Eastern Delr., 474, 5
Great Western, 1626, 5	South-Western, 136, 202
Argentina, 1826, 78	Guatemala External, 55, 7
Ditto Funded, 71, 8	Hongkong, 4p. O., 81, 6
Brazilian, 1899, 75, 6	Italian Super. Cash, 107, 5
Chilean, 1899, 175, 406	Japanese, 1899, 107, 5
Colombia, 1899, 175, 406	Paraguay Bonds, 1899, 5
Chilian, 1899, 159, 6	Peruvian Bonds, 1899, 5

Costa Rica \$5, 34 c	Ditto Peru 10, 34 c
Cuba 10, 34 c	Ditto Portugal 35 1/2
Danish Union 104, 5 c	Portuguese 3 p C, 25 1/2
Ditto Denmark 104, 5 c	Russian 4 p C, 1 3/4 c
Ditto Denmark 104, 5 c	Sardinia 10, 34 c
French 3 p Cent, 101 1/2	Turkish 1821, 10 c
Guatemala 3 p Cent, 107 c	Uruguay, 3 p Cent, 40 1/2
Holland 10, 34 c	
UNITED STATES RAILWAYS.	
Atchafalpa, 45 c	Missouri & Texas, 14 1/2
Do Income bonds 104 c	New York Central, 152 c
Central Pacific, 104 c	North & West, 135 c
Chgo. Mil. & St. Paul 55 1/2	North Pacific Pref, 16 1/2
Detroit & Mackinac, 116 c	Pacific Coast, 104 c
Illinois Central, 104 c	Pan. & Ohio, lat. Mort, 15 1/2
Illinois Central, 81 1/2	Reading, 45 1/2
Louisville & Nashville, 55 c	Rocky Mountain, 115 c
	Wabash Pref, 13 1/2
OTHER AMERICAN RAILWAYS.	
Buenos Aires 55 1/2	Chgo. & N. W., 115 c
Chgo. & N. W., 115 c	Ditto & per C, 101, 27 1/2
Central Argentine, 60 7/8	Maximo 101, 16 1/2
Chgo. Trans. Ref., 44 1/2	North & West, 135 c
Ditto & per C, 101, 27 1/2	Ditto 2nd Pref., 35 7/8
Ditto 2nd Pref., 35 1/2	Nitrate Rails, 17 1/2

MINES AND LAND		MILLS	
A'Kander 12 1/2		Adams 14 1/2	
Bell 1 1/2	Edward 113 1/2	Modderfontein 20 1/2	
Rechnaand 131 3/8		Myers 20 1/2	
Bloedfontein 3 1/2		Nick 4 1/2	
Chapman 10 1/2		O'Connell 3 1/2	
City and Sub 180 1/2		Orion 1 1/2	
Crown Reef 35 1/2		Panrose 5 1/2	
D'Arville 19 1/2		Pharmacia 22 1/2	
Eas 19 1/2	40 50	Rand Mines 190 1/2	
Ferriss 14 1/2		Ro Pinto 11 1/2	
Gladstone 10 1/2		St. John 1 1/2	
Glenclair 3 1/2		Saisbury 31 1/2	
Henry No. 5 1/2		Sheba 50 1/2	
Henderson 10 1/2		Stimmer Jack 11 1/2	
Jagersfontein 17 1/2		Van Ryn's 4 1/2	
Jonkers 5 1/2		Wemmer 7 1/2	
Klein 10 1/2		Wentworth 10 1/2	
Langlaats 4 1/2		White Feather 2 1/2	
Mason and Barry 10 1/2		Woluter 3 1/2	
May 2 1/2			
MISCELLANEOUS		MISCELLANEOUS	
Albop, Ordinary 13 1/2		Eastman's Ord. 5	
Duto Prof. 146 7/8		Duto Prof. 4 1/2	
Anglo-Duto Prof. 42 1/2		Hydrant 1 1/2	
Duto Prof. 75 1/2	60	Olympia 1 1/2	
Cons. 34 1/2		Suez Canal 189	
Duto Prof. 148 1/2	175		

CARDIFF CASTLE GOLD MINES, LTD.
This company has been formed with a capital of £30,000 in 21 shares, of which 40,000 are offered for public subscription, to work valuable auriferous deposits in the Colgardian district of Western Australia. The property consists of 48 acres of gold reef, upon which mining experts report favourably. The estimate is that the crushings will realise £2s. to the ton. The purchase price is £25,000 in cash, £50,000 in shares, and £5,000 in cash or shares at the directors' option, leaving £30,000 available for working capital.

On Friday the Prince and Princess of Wales and several members of the Royal Family visited the General Post Office.

At the County of London Sessions, William Pittfeld, labourer, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for breaking into a dwelling-house.

The Duke of Bedford has subscribed £100 to the special appeal which is being made by the Dean of Peterborough for money for the repairs to the north and south transepts of the cathedral and the eastern chapel.

The small-pox epidemic in Glasgow showed no abatement on Wednesday and Dr. Russell, who has been attending to the cases, reported four additional cases. The sailors, who arrived from London stricken with the disease died on Wednesday morning, this being the first death. There are now 39 cases in the hospital.

At Hampstead, John Masters, 20, of Barmham-street, Camden Town, and Thomas Goodman, 19, no home, labourers, were charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of brass and lead fittings, &c., valued at £15, the property of Mr. Lewis T. Dibben, barrister-at-law and chancellor of the diocese of Rochester and Exeter. Committed for

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